LPT/VLPT in Himachal Pradesh

†3955. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for establishing LPTA/LPT in Himachal Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the number of LPTA/LPT actually established; and

(b) the target fixed for Tenth Five Year Plan in this regard and the details of the efforts being made to achieve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Twenty two transmitter projects (HPT-1, LPTs-3, VLPTs-18) were targeted to be completed in Himachal Pradesh during Ninth Five Year Plan. Out of these, 19 transmitter projects (HPT-1, LPTs-3, VLPTs-15) were completed and commissioned during the Ninth Plan period. Subsequently, installation of 2 more VLPTs has been completed during 2002-03. The remaining one VLPT is expected to be installed during 2003-04.

(b) Schemes for establishment of two HPTs at Dharamshala and Kasauli (DD2) have been sanctioned, as part of new Tenth Plan schemes. Site for HPT Dharamshala has been taken over. Transmitter equipment for Kasauli has been ordered.

Implementation of the CAS

3956. SHRIMATI SHABANA A2MI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not so far taken any decision on key issues relating to Conditional Access System;

(b) if so, whether number of cable operators have placed order for the set-top boxes;

(c) whether Government have set deadline of 14th July for the implementation of the Conditional Access System;

(d) if so, whether any steps in this regard have been taken; and

(e) if so, whether the deadline set up for this will be fully adhered to?

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